



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

MATSUSHITA, Junichi et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2872

Examiner: J.L. Pritchett

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For: SLEEVE AND A MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREOF

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 30, 2003**, extended to **October 30, 2003** by a  
**one** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: